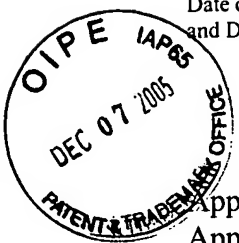


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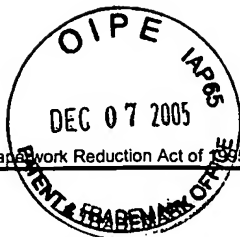
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All prior Powers of Attorney in this application are hereby revoked. Please send all future communications regarding this application to Quarles & Brady, LLP; Customer Number 26710, at the following address:

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

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Application No./Patent No.: 10/613,291 Filed/Issue Date: July 2, 2003

Entitled: ACCESS HATCH COVER ASSEMBLY WITH LIFT-ASSIST ASSEMBLY AND METHOD THEREFOR

Neenah Foundry Company, a Wisconsin corporation  
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states that it is:

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B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Neenah Foundry Company, a Wisconsin corporation, hereby appoints and authorizes John D. Franzini, Reg. No. 31,356 and George E. Haas, Reg. No. 27,642, Quarles & Brady, 411 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-4497, and their designees, to transact all business in connection with patents and patent applications, domestic and foreign, owned by Neenah Foundry Company, and to receive all correspondence in connection therewith.

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The undersigned is empowered to assign this Power of Attorney on behalf of Neenah Foundry Company.

Neenah Foundry Company

By: Gary LaChey  
Name: Gary LaChey  
Title: CFO

**ASSIGNMENT**  
(U.S. and Foreign Rights)

WHEREAS, we, Steven M. Akkala of 521 Fairview Ave., Neenah, WI 54956, and Elizabeth L. Remme of 206 Rickers Bay Road, Neenah, WI 54956; (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have made new and useful inventions and improvements for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States herewith, entitled: ACCESS HATCH COVER WITH LIFT-ASSIST ASSEMBLY AND METHOD THEREFOR and given application number                      yet to be assigned

AND WHEREAS, Neenah Foundry Company, located and doing business at 2121 Brooks Avenue, P.O. Box 729, Neenah, WI 54957, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to, and under said invention and in, to, and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, and transfers to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title, and interest to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal.

Steven M Akkala  
Steven M. Akkala

6/25/03  
Date

Elizabeth L. Remme  
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